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## **Iowa Serving Children with Disabilities**

Federal government determines lowa is one of only eight states to meet IDEA requirements

**DES MOINES, Iowa** – lowans can be assured that our state is providing early intervention, special education and related services to the state's nearly 72,389 children with disabilities, according to a recent U.S. Department of Education (USDE) decision.

In June, the USDE determined that Iowa is meeting the requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B and Part C, which is a law ensuring services to children with disabilities throughout the nation. The IDEA governs how states and public agencies provide early intervention, special education and related services to eligible infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities.

lowa was one of only eight states to receive a "meets requirements" determination for both sections of the IDEA. Other states that received this determination were Alaska, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and South Dakota.

The state provides special education services through 362 public school districts supported by 10 area education agencies throughout the state. The Iowa Department of Education provides regulatory oversight.

The reauthorized IDEA 2004 requires the U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs (USDE/OSEP) to review each state's <u>Annual Progress Report (APR) Part B, Part C</u> each year. Based on the information provided in the state's APR, information obtained through monitoring visits, and any other public information, the USDE/OSEP determines if the state: meets the requirements, needs assistance, needs intervention or needs substantial intervention.

For more information on Iowa's Annual Progress Report (Part B, Part C), please visit <a href="https://www.iowa.gov/educate">www.iowa.gov/educate</a>, go to "PK-12 Education," "Special Education," and then "Requirements and Reports."

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The Iowa Department of Education works with the State of Iowa Board of Education to provide oversight, supervision and support for the state education system, which includes public elementary and secondary schools, nonpublic schools that receive state accreditation, area education agencies, community colleges and teacher preparation programs. The department is committed to high levels of learning, achievement and performance for all students, so they will become successful members of their community and the workforce.